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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR INFORMATION ON DESIGN OF STRATEGIC
GRAIN RESERVE

1. GOVERNMENT OF MALAWI IS CURRENTLY IN DESIGN STAGES OF
PROGRAM TO BUILD 60,000 TON STRATEGIC GRAIN RESERVE FACILITY.
PRELIMINARY DESIGN CALLS FOR TWELVE 5,000 TON SILOS AND THE
CAPACITY FOR THE FACILITY TO EXPAND TO 120,000 TONS AT SOME
FUTURE DATE.

2. A STATE OWNED BODY, THE AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT AND
MARKETING COPORATION (ADMARC) WILL MANAGE FACILITY.
ADMARC IS HAVING TROUBLE DECIDING WEHTHER TO BUILD THE
SILOS USING CONCRETE OR STEEL. AN ADMARC REP HAS APPROACHED
EMBASSY TO SOLICIT USDA'S OPINION ON BEST CHOICE FOR
BUILDING MATERIAL GIVEN AMERICAN EXPERIENCE WITH BOTH
MATERIALS.

3. FACILITY WILL BE LOCATED AT LILONGWE. LILONGWE IS
AT AN ALTITUDE OF 3400 FT., HAS AN ANNUAL AVERAGE RAINFALL
OF BETWEEN 30-40 INCHES CONCENTRATED IN A FIVE MONTH PERIOD,
THE MEAN MAXIMUM TEMPERATURES ARE ABOUT 85 DEGREES F IN NOVEMBER,
THE WARMEST MONTH, AND 45 DEGREES F IN JULY, THE
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4. WOULD APPRECIATE USDA OPINION IF POSSIBLE.
WILL SEEK TO OBTAIN ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THAT
USDA REQUIRES.

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